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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CARLOS P. ROMULO

1. SECRETARY MET ROMULO SEPTEMBER 30 AT WALDORF.

2. ROMULO STRESSED ESSENTIALITY THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WOULD NOT CHANGE IN NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT SECRETARY WOULD REMAIN. SAID EAST EUROPEAN STATES HE HAD JUST VISITED HAD SAME VIEWS. THEY HAD TOLD HIM THEY MIGHT HAVE TO CHANGE IDEAS IF SECRETARY WERE NOT IN OFFICE. SECRETARY ASSURED ROMULO THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE DESPITE CURRENT ATTACKS.

3. ROMULO SAID HE HAD JUST GIVEN LUNCH HERE TO EXPRESS THANKS TO PRC FOR THEIR RECEPTION OF MRS. MARCOS. SAID THAT MARCOS WILL MOVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY IN RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD DO THE SAME.

4. ROMULO REPEATED INVITATION FOR PRESIDENT TO VISIT PHILIPPINES. SECRETARY SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE DURING THIS TRIP BUT THAT PRESIDENT MIGHT VISIT SOUTHEAST ASIA NEXT YEAR AND WOULD CONSIDER IT THEN.

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IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION FOR SECRETARY TO VISIT

PHILIPPINES, WHERE ROMULO ASSURED HIM GREAT RECEPTION, SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF STOP IN PHILIPPINES ON RETURN FROM PEKING AROUND END OF THIS YEAR.

5. IN RESPONSE TO ROMULO QUESTION ABOUT CAMP DAVID MEETING LAST WEEKEND, SECRETARY SAID NO DECISIONS REACHED, BUT THAT STATES INVOLVED WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH AND HOPED TO HAVE SOMETHING CONCRETE BY NOVEMBER. SAID THIS WOULD ALSO HELP PHILIPPINES.

6. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT WE SHOULD DO ABOUT SEATO, ROMULO SAID THAT WE SHOULD CHANGE ITS OBJECTIVES. SAID THAT SEATO CHARTER ENVISAGED RESISTANCE TO COMMUNISM AND TO CHINA, BUT THAT IT SHOULD NOW CONCENTRATE ON DEALING WITH SUBVERSION. SAID THAT SUBVERSION PREVENTED STATES FROM MAKING ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

7. ROMULO SAID THAT PHILIPPINES SUPPORTED GUAM DOCTRINE AND NOTION THAT ASIAN STATES MUST FIGHT OWN WARS. BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT US ASSISTANCE. SAID THAT US WAS BEHIND IN DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT TO PHILIPPINES. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

8. ROMULO SAID THAT MARCOS WAS BEST FRIEND OF UNITED STATES IN ASIA. POINTED OUT THAT MARCOS HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS WHICH HE HAD TOLD MARCOS WERE VIOLATIONS OF PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION, SUCH AS EXTENDING RIGHTS OF AMERICANS TO OWN PROPERTY IN PHILIPPINES, AND THAT THIS REFLECTED GREAT ESTEEM FOR UNITED STATES.

9. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S QUESTION, ROMULO SAID THAT HE FELT US AND FRIENDS WOULD LOSE UN VOTES ON KOREA AND ON KHMER REPRESENTATION. SAID THAT OTHER SIDE HAD LINED UP VOTES OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT NON-ALIGNED STATES COULD NOT COUNT ON US SUPPORT FOR THEM AT UN IF THEY DID NOT SUPPORT US
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ON MATTERS LIKE THIS. ROMULO SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THAT ON AND AGREED TO SPEAK TO AFRICAN MINISTERS IN STRONG TERMS ON NEED TO SUPPORT OUR SIDE ON BOTH QUESTIONS. SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ASIAN LEAD ON THESE MATTERS. BOTH AGREED THAT IMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE BY UN VOTE WAS A DANGEROUS PRINCIPLE.

10. IN CLOSING, ROMULO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR

SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT COMPLAINED THAT SPEECH HAD CONTAINED NOTHING ABOUT ASIA. SECRETARY SAID THAT THIS WAS A GOOD POINT AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP IT IN MIND. POINTED OUT THAT HE WOULD ATTEND OPENING SESSION OF SEATO MEETING AND THAT HE WOULD GIVE LUNCH FOR COUNCIL. ROMULO EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT SECRETARY'S GIVING SUCH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SEATO.

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